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¶1. (S) SUMMARY. S/I Ambassador David Satterfield and an MNF-I/Embassy Baghdad team met with SAG Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal on May

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¶2. (S) Opening a discussion with S/I Satterfield focused largely on Iraq, Saud first turned to Lebanon and stated that the effort by "Hizballa

¶3. (S) Satterfield asked what support this concept had from Siniora and from other Arab states. Saud responded that "Siniora strongly supports
An "Easier Battle to Win"

¶4. (S) Saud said that of all the regional fronts on which Iran was now advancing, the battle in Lebanon to secure peace would be an "easier ba

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study any Arab decision on a way forward. Saud concluded by underscoring that a UN/Arab peace-keeping force coupled with US air and naval suppo

¶5. (U) Ambassador Satterfield has cleared this cable.

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